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- It is believed that there will be a famine in Poland, because on several farms under the control of the PGR (state collective farms) the harvest 25X1 was not completed and many thousand hectares of wheat and oats have overgrown (sic), and have rotted on the stem. This condition was caused by a great shortage of manpewer and the long, uninterrupted rains, which made it impossible to harvest the crops.
 - In Koszalin (Koeslin) Voivodship there are at least 26 villages where the harvest was not completed; these include the municipalities of Rudow, Korzybia (Zullbrueck), Polanow (Pollnow), and Swielino (Schwellin).
 - Almost all the young people of both sexes employed by the PGR were either inducted into the Army, ordered to take part in SP (Service to Poland)activities or forced to perform other assignments. The older people remained on the farms but have been unable to perform all the work.
 - The beet and potato harvests are expected to be even worse because of the rains during the month of October. A hundred kilos of potatoes already cost 120 zlotys when sold by the state.

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